

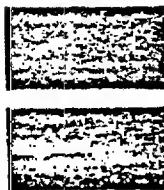
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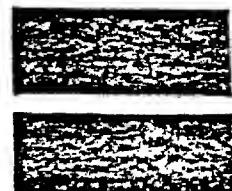
Ray S. Cline is a senior associate at CSIS and formerly served as deputy director for intelligence at the CIA and director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the State Department. His latest book, *The CIA: Reality Versus Myth* (Washington: Acropolis Books, 1982), contains an earlier version of this reminiscence.

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## A CIA Reminiscence



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Among the most crucial are the 1,000 men and women working in the National Photographic Intelligence Center (NPIC), where in 1962 high-flying U-2 and satellite reconnaiss-

sance photography received its initial readout after each flight.

In 1962, I served as DDI under John A. McCone, and on a normal day at my desk on the seventh floor in the Langley headquarters building, hundreds of pieces of information were called to my attention in one way or another to make sure I perceived the strategic implications and tried to communicate them to the director, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy, and President John F. Kennedy.

Late in the afternoon of October 15, 1962, my secure (scrambled) phone rang and a senior officer at NPIC cast all the many other thoughts and preoccupations of the DDI out

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

9 March 1962

Dear :

Hold for White House announcement at 11 A.M. today  
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This is a personal advance to you. General Carter left Washington yesterday and is back at Fort Bliss, Texas.

I am also enclosing for release at 11 A.M. today the announcement that Frank G. Wisner, one-time Deputy Director for Plans, CIA, is returning to the Agency as Special Assistant to the Director. He will be in the Washington Headquarters at Langley, Virginia.

I have no picture of Carter but Defense should have some.

Stanley

Bill Beale, AP

Wally Carroll, N.Y. Times

Bob Donovan, N.Y. Times

Ben Gilbert, Washington Post

Mark Watson, Baltimore Sun

John O'Rourke, Washington Daily News.

Ted Lewis, N.Y. Daily News

John Steele, Time

Ben Bradlee, Newsweek

Bob Hartman, L.A. Times

Mark Childs, St. Louis Post Dispatch

Sidney Epstein, Washington Star

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From June 1955 until June 1956, General Carter was Commanding General of the Fifth Region, Army Anti-Aircraft Command, with headquarters at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. For the next five months, he served as Deputy Commanding General of the Army Anti-Aircraft Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado, leaving this assignment to become Chief of Staff of the newly-formed Continental Air Defense Command at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, in October 1956. When this command was expanded into the North American Air Defense Command in September 1957, General Carter also became Chief of Staff of this unified command, the first command of this type in the United States.

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PERSONAL DATA

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Mother: Mrs. C. C. Carter

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3133 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington 8, D.C.

Marriage - Date: 14 July 1934

Wife: Prerot Nichols Carter

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EDUCATION

US Military Academy	1931 - BS
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF PROMOTIONS

<u>Promotions</u>	<u>Temporary (AUS)</u>	<u>Permanent (RA)</u>
2nd Lt		11 June 1931
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Major General	21 Dec 1955 (w/DOR 1 July 1951)	

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Special Liaison Duty with U.S.N.A. Midshipmen's Cruise	June 31	Aug 31
Battery Officer, 12th Coast Artillery, Fort Monroe, Virginia	Sep 31	Apr 32
Battery Officer & Battalion Adj, 64th CA, (AA), Ft Shafter, Honolulu	June 32	Mar 35
Graduate Student, MIT (MS Degree)	1935	June 36
Instructor, USMA; Dept of Natural & Experimental Philosophy, West Point, N.Y.	1936	July 1939
Student Officer, Regular Course, Artillery School, Ft. Monroe, Va.	Aug 39	Feb 40
Instructor, Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va.	Feb 40	Aug 40
Battery Officer, 73d CA, (AA), Panama	Aug 40	June 41
Director, Enlisted Specialist School, Panama	July 41	Nov 41
Asst. ACofS, G-3, Panama CA Command	Nov 41	July 42
Staff Officer, OPD WDGS, Washington, D.C.	July 42	July 45
Deputy ACofS, G-5 USF/CT, Chungking China	July 45	Nov 45
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Asst Exec to Asst Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.	Jan 46	March 46
Special Representative in Washington, D. C. for Gen. G. C. Marshall (China Mission)	March 46	Jan 47
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Dept of State Student, National War College	Aug 49	June 50
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Special Breast Order of Yun Hui (Cloud & Banner, Republic of China)

Special Breast Order of Yun Hui (2nd award) (Republic of China)

Order of Orange Nassau w/swords, Commander, (Netherlands Government)

PERSONAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL

Interests and Hobbies

Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Ice Hockey and usual participation sports.

Date:

20 February 1961

ADDENDUM TO BIOGRAPHY OF MAJOR GENERAL MARSHALL S. CARTER

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF ASSIGNMENTS (Cont'd)      FROM      TO

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Regarding General Carter the late General George C. Marshall wrote:

"One of the top men of the Army. Officer of the highest integrity and dependability. Has broad knowledge of world affairs and figures."

Robert A. Lovett  
Former Secretary of Defense wrote of General Carter:

"General Carter is an officer of unusual ability. He is eminently qualified for high positions of trust and responsibility. He has performed brilliantly in an exceedingly difficult assignment involving unusually heavy responsibilities and severe pressure."

General E.E. Partridge, USAF, when Commanding NORAD, wrote:

"General Carter is the most outstanding senior officer who ever served with me. His ability to work with all services and foreign governments is exceptional."

General L.S. Kuter, now commanding NORAD wrote of General Carter who was Chief of Staff of NORAD:

"One of the most outstanding general officers known to me from any service. Chiefly through his sound, steady and persistent effort officers and men of the NORAD staff have been integrated into a group dedicated only to the accomplishment of the mission assigned NORAD without any prejudice in form of any one service or any one country."

Lewis W. Douglas, when Ambassador to the Court of St. James', wrote of General Carter, then Special Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador in London:

"General Carter is completely dependable and industrious; his candor combined with tact, his almost complete selflessness and high sense of responsibility; his unimpeachable integrity, courteous firmness; his ability to quickly acquire knowledge of new duties; his adaptability and likeable personality, altogether, make General Carter a person of exceptional talents."

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LTC GEN MARSHALL S. CARTER

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL MARSHALL SYLVESTER CARTER, U. S. ARMY

Marshall Sylvester Carter, Lieutenant General, United States Army, became the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence on 3 April 1962.

On 9 March 1962 the White House announced that President John F. Kennedy had selected General Carter to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, on the recommendation of Mr. McCone, the Director. On 12 March 1962, the President submitted General Carter's nomination, with the rank of Lieutenant General, to the United States Senate for confirmation. After public hearing he was approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee, on 29 March 1962, and was confirmed by the Senate on 2 April 1962. On 3 April 1962, he was sworn into office at CIA Headquarters.

General Carter was born at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, on 16 September 1909, the son of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. C. C. Carter. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1931, with the Bachelor of Science degree. In 1936 he received a Master of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was graduated in 1940 from the Coast Artillery School, and in 1950 from the National War College. He was married on 14 July 1934 to Preot Nichols. They have one son and two daughters.

During World War II, General Carter served in Panama, in China, and on the War Department General Staff. In addition, in 1943 he was a member of the U. S. Delegation to the Cairo Conference of the Four Heads of State. From July 1945 to January 1946 he was stationed in the China Theater, first as Deputy G-5 at U. S. Theater Headquarters, in Chungking, and later as G-5, in Shanghai. He became Assistant Executive to the Assistant Secretary of War, in Washington, in

January 1946, serving until March 1946.

From March 1946 to March 1949 General Carter served with General George C. Marshall, first as special representative in Washington in General Marshall's China Mission and, from January 1947 on, as special assistant to Secretary of State Marshall. While at the Department of State he also served on the U. S. Delegations at the following international conferences: the Council of Foreign Ministers, in Moscow, 1947; the Inter-American Conference for Maintenance of Peace and Security, in Rio de Janeiro, 1947; the General Assembly of the United Nations, in New York City, 1947, and in Paris, 1948; and the Ninth International Conference of American States, in Bogota, Colombia, in 1948.

From March to July 1949, General Carter was on duty in London with American Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas, serving as his Deputy for Military Assistance Programs for Europe. Concurrently he served as Deputy Chairman of the European Correlation Committee. In these capacities he held the personal rank of Minister.

After a year on training and command assignments in 1949-50, in Washington and Japan, General Carter was transferred to the Department of Defense, where he served as Executive Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall, 1950-51, and to his successor, Secretary Robert A. Lovett, 1951-52. Subsequently he held the following command positions in the United States and overseas, from 1952 to 1962:

Deputy Commanding General, U. S. Army Alaska and 71st Infantry Division, November 1952-May, 1955;

Commanding General, 5th Anti-Aircraft Regional Command, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, June 1955-June 1956;

Deputy Commander, Anti-Aircraft Artillery Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, June - November 1956;

Chief of Staff, Continental Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 1957-December 1959;

Chief of Staff, Eighth U. S. Army Korea, December 1959 - February 1961;

Commanding General, U. S. Army Air Defense Center, and  
Commandant, U. S. Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss,  
Texas, March 1961-March 1962.

From Second Lieutenant, on 11 June 1931, General Carter became a temporary Brigadier General on 8 April 1947 and a Major General on 21 December 1955, with date of rank from 1 July 1951. On 2 April 1962 he was confirmed by the Senate in the rank of Lieutenant General. His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, and decorations from the Republic of China and The Netherlands.

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